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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW, TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Qwest Request to Provide "Long Distance" Service in Minnesota

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am a retiree of NWB/USWEST (06/18/51 to 11/26/93). It is important to me that the FCC approve the request of Qwest to provide "Long Distance" service to Minnesota. Our home is in Oak Grove, Minnesota, where Comcast is currently installing new facilities to completely overlay the facilities of Qwest which are in place. They will provide local telephone, video, high speed data service, and I am sure, "Long Distance" service.

Qwest should have an equal opportunity to compete. Thank you for considering the request of Qwest to provide this "Long Distance" service.

Sincerely,

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